

## Varying Form of Title Field

The 246 field is for a varying form of an item's title. This includes any other form of the title that may be found on the item (for example, if the title on the cover is different than the title on the title page), or any form of the title that contributes to the identification of the item and helps your patrons find the item.

The subfields used in the 246 field that we are going to talk about are:

- a: title proper
- i: display text

As an example of a varying title that may help with identification, if there are numbers in the title, people might also try searching for the title with the numbers spelled out.

For this book, in the 245 field, we would use the title as it appears on the book, but in the 246 field, we would provide the title with the numbers spelled out:

245 10 \$a 1, 2, I love you

246 10 \$a One, two, I love you

A similar issue is abbreviations. If something is abbreviated in the title, but you think your patrons might search for it with the word spelled out, you can include a 246 field with the unabbreviated word.

For this book, even though St. Louis is abbreviated on the title page, you can include a 246 field with the name of the city spelled out.

245 10 \$a Insiders' guide to St. Louis

246 10 \$a Insiders' guide to Saint Louis

## Indicators for the 246 Field

The first indicator for the 246 field tells your local system whether or not you want this title to be a note or an added entry. If you tell your system to display a note, this means that this title will show up as something your patrons can see in the catalog record. If you tell your system to index this title as an added entry, it means that this title will show up in a title search.

The values for the first indicator are as follows:

- 1 = note, added entry
- 2 = no note, no added entry
- 3 = no note, added entry

The second indicator indicates the type of variant title that it is. The values for these are listed on your MARC handout, and they include things like portion of the title, cover title, and running title.

Here are a few examples of 246 fields that use different indicator values:

246 3\_ \$a One, two, I love you

246 34 \$a Emerald wand [title page says: The emerald wand of Oz]

246 1\_ \$i Title from container: \$a Ken Burn's jazz

In the first example, a first indicator of 3 is used (no note displayed, title added entry) and the second indicator is blank, which means that the cataloger chose not to specify information about what type of title it is. In the second example, the second indicator is 4, meaning cover title – this means that the title on the cover is different than the one on the title page. In the last example, the first indicator is 1 (for a note and an added entry) and the second indicator is again blank, which is required if you have a subfield i with display text, as this example does. In this case, the source of the title is explained in the display text, instead of the indicator. Your use of these indicators depends on how your system handles the various codes.